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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicant herewith makes of record the following publications which may be material during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 2,986,997 (Schmutz)

U.S. Patent No. 5,036,766 (Songer)

*German Patentschrift No. 476 667, published May 2, 1929.

German Publication No. DE 655 466 C, published January 15, 1938.

French Publication No. FR 1 275 904 A, published October 2, 1961.

*German Patentschrift No. 377854 (Application No. 746/60), published July 15, 1964.

*German Patentschrift No. DE 2700118 C2 (Application No. P 2700118.9-27), published October 8, 1987, including English abstract.

German Publication No. DE 36 33 155 A (Application No. P 36 33 155.4), published April 7, 1988.

German Publication No. DE 296 01 150 U (Application No. 296 01 150.9), published May 15, 1996.

*German Patentschrift DE 43 19 622 C2 (Application No. P 43 19 622.5-27), published July 16, 1998, including English abstract.

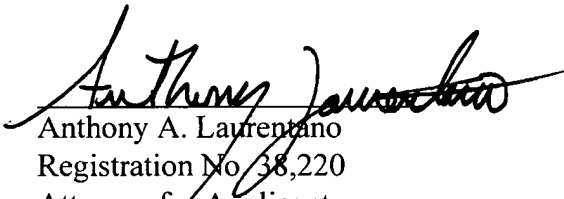
These references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding International patent application PCT/DE99/02613 and in the German priority document, German Patent Application No. 198 50 623.6. Since six (6) of the foregoing publications and search report have previously been transmitted to all the designated Offices by the International Bureau, Applicant does not enclose copies of those publications herewith. Applicant, however, encloses copies of those publications with an asterisk (*) since these were cited in the German priority document. We also enclose along English abstracts of two of the four publications. Abstracts for the other references were not available.

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